

SPAIN'S MINISTER

His Somewhat Strained Relations With Mr. Gresham.

HIS REPORTED DESIRE TO GO ELSEWHERE

A Rumor of an Ultimatum From Uncle Sam.

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MURUAGA'S POSITION

It is currently reported that Senor Mu-

At the same time, the Spanish minister, cabled his resignation to his home government on account of complications arising from the Accence affair, and that a reply has been received from the Spanish government to sustain his official position at Washington as the representative of the Spanish government. It has been impossible to secure either a confirmation or denial of the statement from official sources. Minister Murauga refuses positively to discuss the matter, and State Department officials, as usual, have "nothing to say." There are good grounds for the belief, however, that the Spanish minister has signified a strong desire to be relieved from further service at this capital, and that he will be trans-

ferred to another sort of usefulness as before the Spanish Revolution. The Alliance which has passed the acute stage in which it now stands. It is important that Spain should have a diplomatic representation in Washington under existing conditions and it is important that Gresham be selected at once if it would be several weeks before he could arrive here.

No Immediate Change.

It is therefore assumed that there will be no immediate change in the Spanish legation here unless it should be caused by the termination of diplomatic relations between the United States and Spain, as a result of Secretary Gresham's peremptory demand for an instant apology.

Although it is known that Secretary Gresham is displeased at Senator Murgua's published criticisms of his course toward Spain, it is not generally believed that he has demanded his recall or has informed Senator Murgua of his views on the subject.

Mr. Muruaga finds his official intercourse with Mr. Gresham far from congenial and that he would prefer a transfer to another country. He thought Mr. Gresham ought to have given him time to ascertain the facts in the Alliance affair before issuing his manifesto to Spain, and his great fault, according to his critics, was in publicly expressing that opinion.

It is now said that another sensation is to be sprung in this matter. The rumor is that the Secretary of State is chafing under the failure of Spain to comply with his demands, and that if there is further delay he will send a sharp note of reminder that the terms of his message must be met at once. His original demand was submitted eight days ago, and has not yet been com-

SEÑOR MURUAGA'S POSITION.
A gentleman who claims to know the facts about Mr. Muruaga's resignation is quoted as follows:
"The minister was very sensitive as to

had been zealously working to further the interests of his government throughout the whole Cuban troubles. He felt that, in view of the criticism, his government was justified in replying with a statement, in which, it is said, has also been misrepresented by some American newspapers. The minister himself comments severely on the way he has been misquoted by several of the journals of this country. His resignation was consequently sent on on March 14, and was replied to by the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, who was anxious to completely vindicate his position. It stated that the Spanish government was pleased with the manner in which Minister Murru had acted, and that he had represented his government in the

resignation for that reason would have been refused. While the minister, of course, is very much gratified that his government appreciates his services so highly, still he felt that if they were otherwise it was but natural that he should tender his resignation. As it was not accepted, the minister will, of course, withdraw it."

The Resignation Withdrawn.

Later this afternoon it was announced positively that Minister Muruaga, about a week ago, forwarded his resignation to his government. The step was taken because of certain criticisms made in Cuba, and in Spain, against his administration on the request of the Spanish government. This is regarded as closing that phase of the re-

His friends in the diplomatic corps say he has no desire to leave at a time when his services are needed here in the effort of Spain to check the Cuban uprising. There is reason to believe, however, that he will ask for a leave of absence as soon as affairs assume a more pacific aspect.

The reply of Spain to Secretary Gresham's demand for an apology on the Alliance matter was not received today, and there is an apparent cessation of action both at the Spanish capital and in Cuba.

This is accounted for by the fact that the new cabinet of Spain is not yet formed, and the acting officials of the foreign office

Reply to the Indiana.

Commissioner Browning today made a reply to the many requests of the delegation of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, who have been holding a council with him for several days and stating their grievances. Several of their requests, such as abrogation of all treaties, and raising the

portion of their funds, could not be compelled, with, unless Congress should so legislate. In answer to the request, the Commissioner said that so far as money was available he would try to give them more agricultural implements, and secure if possible an increase for their farming operations.

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Sadie Nixon Pardoned.

The President has granted a pardon to Sadie Nixon, who was convicted in the Police Court of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced February 4, 1905, to \$50 fine and in default to sixty days imprisonment in the District jail. This action was taken at the suggestion of the United States district attorney and on the ground that it was merciful to the woman and her newly born babe.

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The Condition of the Treasury.

Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash, balance.

\$185,639,436; gold reserve, \$90,749,534; net silver, \$18,372,810; net silver of 1890, \$5,271; United States notes in the treasury, \$50,992,013; treasury notes of 1890, \$31,187,214. Total receipts—This day, \$788,560; this month, \$18,870,831. Total expenditures—This day, \$1,023,502; this month, \$21,971,518.